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From: Herrell, David
Sent: Wed 5/13/2015 8:17:29 PM
Subject: Fwd: Haystack Mines Clean-up - Access to SE/4 Section 13, BLM Land

Bill,

Steve,

I talked to Steve last week. He was trying to find out who to contact regarding uranium mines in McKinley. So I thought you might be interested. I will also forward a subsequent email from Steve.

Let me know if you need me to do something.

Dave

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From: **Arbaugh, Steve** <Arbaugh.Steve@epa.gov>
Date: Fri, May 8, 2015 at 10:27 AM
Subject: Haystack Mines Clean-up - Access to SE/4 Section 13, BLM Land
To: "dherrell@blm.gov" <dherrell@blm.gov>
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Hello Dave,

I appreciate your time in assisting EPA Region 9 with access to the Site located at the SE/4 Section 13, Township 13 North Range 11 West. According the McKinley County Assessor's Office, BLM is the current property owner. It would be helpful if you could confirm this as well. EPA is performing a time critical clean-up regarding mine waste as a result of historical uranium mining operations in that area.

Site Description

The Site is located within the Eastern Abandoned Uranium Mines Region, in the Baca/Prewitt area of McKinley County, New Mexico. The Site consists of at least three contiguous abandoned uranium mines. Portions of the Site have been referred to historically as the Brown-Vandever-Nanabah mines, and the Bluewater mines, among other aliases. The Site is located on four parcels of land, which include two Indian Allotment parcels, one Federal parcel administered by the Bureau of Land Management, and one privately owned parcel. The majority of the Site is located in Navajo Indian Country.

This is a time critical removal action. Your cooperation is appreciated. EPA Region 9 staff would like to discuss access with the designated BLM contact. Please provide a name and contact information at your convenience.

Thanks!

Steven

Steven Arbaugh, Civil Investigator

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